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TERRANCE GAVAN/Echo

Another win

The high school Hawks logged another win Feb. 17 against the I.E. Weldon Wildcats with a very special coach watching on. The team is number one in the league. Full story page 24.

■ HOCKEY

Matt's (giving) back

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

Giving back.

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They remind us of the potent possibilities inherent in a smile, a whispered word, and the precious donation of one's time.

Which is why it was nice to see Matt Duchene back at home in the old Dys-

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■ PC PARTY NOMINATION

Scott's got company

LISA GERVAIS

Special to the Echo

He has travelled the country as executive assistant to a federal cabinet minister and now Isaac Breadner wants to bring that experience home to

represent Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock at Queen's Park.

Breadner has joined Laurie Scott in announcing that he will seek the Progressive Conservative (PC) nomination in the riding for the 2011 election.

He has been federal environment

See **PC contender** page 12



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ACCIDENT

Car lands in ditch

Highlands East fire department, Highlands OPP and EMS all came to the rescue of a driver who had flipped a gold mini-van Feb. 17 around 5 p.m. The van ended up in the east ditch of Glamorgan Road, 10 kilometres north of County Road 503.

Six firefighters attended the accident, blocking off the road until a tow truck could take the van away. The couple driving the vehicle was from Bracebridge and had only minor injuries.

/Photo by Jenn Watt



AGCO



Alcohol and Gaming
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Notice of Liquor Licence Application

The following establishment has applied to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario for a liquor licence under the *Liquor Licence Act*:

Application for Amendment of Condition

NORTHWOOD INN
HIGHWAY 118, DYSART TOWNSHIP
HALIBURTON (Indoor and outdoor area)

Current Condition: Two security persons shall be stationed outside the building to maintain order from 12:00 midnight to 3:00 am on Friday and Saturday nights when the Premises is in operation.

Condition be amended to: Two security persons shall be stationed outside the building to maintain order from 12:00 midnight to 3:00 am on Friday and Saturday nights when the Premises is in operation from Canada Day through Labour Day, inclusive.

Any resident of the municipality may make a written submission as to whether the issuance of the licence is in the public interest having regard to the needs and wishes of the residents. Submissions must be received no later than **March 16, 2010**. Please include your name, address and telephone number. If a petition is submitted to the Commission, please identify the designated contact person. **Note:** The AGCO gives the applicant copies of any objections. Anonymous objections are not considered.

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Oshawa man charged with impaired driving

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands detachment have charged a man after responding to a single motor vehicle collision the evening of Feb. 17 on Highway 118 near Shamba Trail in the township of Dysart et al.

Officers responded to the scene and had conversation with the driver of a GMC pickup truck. The driver failed a roadside screening device test and was arrested. He was then taken back to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment.

A 45-year-old man of Oshawa has been charged with impaired driving and driving over 80 mgs.

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February 25, 2010

Red Hawk Theatre Company presents Red Riding Hood

Friday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 27 at 1 p.m. at the Northern Lights Pavilion

Haliburton Northern Lights School's Red Hawk Theatre Company present an original musical play, *The Complete Adventure of Red Riding Hood*. The play and music have been written by students at the school. The marvelous and memorable music has been composed by William, a student at the school and a talented musician. "We were told that the students were still learning how remarkable they are. They tell me they are still learning the music they are doing," says teacher David Dobson.

Catch a sleigh ride at the Kinmount Winterfest happening this Sunday, Feb. 27.

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Ontario Cup is coming

BLAKE PATON

Special to the Echo

The province's best cross-country skiers will pay a visit to Glebe Park in Haliburton this weekend as Haliburton Ski Club hosts the final Ontario Cup race of the season. Racers of all ages from clubs across the province will vie for medals and ranking points at this two-day event.

Racing begins at 9:30 a.m. while the awards are scheduled for 1 p.m. each day.

The first day of competition features the free or "skate" technique as racers start individually and race against the clock. The second day features the classic technique and racers will start together in a mass start where the first one across the line is the winner. A number of local skiers will be representing the Haliburton Ski Club at the race including Christine Bishop, Brynn and Del Myers, Emily Turner, Joshua and Daniel Wright.

The Ontario Cup race series consists of four races, one held in each of the four districts of Ontario. This is the first time Haliburton has played host to such a prestigious skiing event. Spectators are welcome to come and see the best skiers in the province as they meet during the weekend. Local skiers are advised that the trails at Glebe Park will be closed while the racers are on course.

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DUCHENE

Haliburton 'was definitely my first choice'

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art Arena last Tuesday afternoon, giving back, hot-stoving, spinning yarn and spending quality time with some old friends and many new acquaintances.

For those unfamiliar with Duchene, he's the local kid who grew up with a dream that chugged into reality in large part through the auspices of the Dysart et al Arena ice, a supportive family, great schools, nurturing community, and Haliburton's perplexing and peculiar penchant for churning tykes in Tacks into hockey superlatives.

The old Dysart barn is where young Duchene started his hockey career; just like a lot of the kids – young and old – who came to see him last Tuesday to get autographs and have their pictures taken with the rookie sensation currently toiling splendidly for the NHL's Colorado Avalanche.

Drafted third overall in the 2009 NHL entry draft by the Colorado Avalanche, his favourite team when he was growing up, Duchene is currently leading all NHL rookies in scoring, a stat made more impressive by the fact that the list of rookies includes the number one overall 2009 pick, effervescent sniper, John Tavares.

Duchene remains one of only a very select group of 18-year-old rookies who broke into the pro ranks in their draft year. He's the beneficiary of a hefty signing bonus, a nifty salary, and he's sitting on the speckled horizon of a career that thus far seems blessed and bedazzled by far-reaching promise. And, oh yeah, he just turned 19 a few weeks back.

So what the heck was young Duchene doing in the Dysart et al Arena last Tuesday, when a large portion of NHL players, currently on a mid-season hiatus engendered by the Olympic hockey tournament, were spending quality time on a beach in St. Bart's, body surfing in Nassau, or golfing in Arizona?

Duchene answered that question last Wednesday in Lindsay. He had just helped his old high school hockey mentors Ron Yake and Gary Brohman coach the Red Hawk hockey team to a 7-3 victory over I.E. Weldon Wildcats at the Lindsay Recreational Complex.

He was preparing to board the old school bus for the return trip down Highway 35 to Haliburton.

Asked if he was happy that he could now add the perfect coaching record – 1-0 – to his growing list of hockey accomplishments Duchene just laughed.

"Well, yeah, but I coached Adam Foote's [Colorado teammate and in-house landlord] kid two weeks ago, and we won that game too, so I guess I'm re-



TERRENCE GAVAN/ECHO

NHL rookie and Haliburton native, Matt Duchene, spent hours last week with young fans, signing autographs, posing for photos and even attending practice with kids and coaching high school students.

ally 2-0 as a coach," smiles Duchene.

Earlier that day, just outside the Hal High gym, Duchene's former teacher Walter Tose made a point of coming up to him and thanking him for coming back. "It means a lot to people," Tose said.

Duchene is reminded of that poignant moment in Lindsay, and when asked about how it feels to hear things like that, he thinks for a minute and attempts to place it all in perspective.

"Very nice to hear that [comment from Tose]," says Duchene. "I came back, but it's not like it's a totally selfless thing. I want to be back in my hometown. I love being in Haliburton. And I'm going to do something for the community and the kids, because I was them once; and I looked up to different guys that played in the NHL, so I know what it's like to be able to meet [an NHL player]."

Understand that despite those gentle protestations, last Tuesday Duchene showed his true commitment to this community. All proceeds from the autograph sessions last Tuesday in Haliburton, last Thursday in Minden, and on Sunday in Wilberforce went to the Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto. The funds donated are to be submitted in the name of Dawson Hamilton, Duchene's young friend, who for five of his nine years spent a

great deal of his time on the cancer ward of the Sick Kids battling, in vain, against the cancer which finally took his life last December just a week before his 10th birthday.

He got permission from the Avalanche to leave the team to attend Dawson's funeral in Minden.

And Duchene came back to Haliburton last week because there's really no place else he'd rather be.

Last Tuesday he was on the ice practising with his old high school team beginning at around 3:30 p.m. After the high school practice was over he came back out on the ice to skate a bit with the Haliburton Highland Storm Novice team. And after that he changed, and popped upstairs to the recreation hall on the second floor of the arena, had a quick meal, brought to the arena by mom Chris and dad Vince, and then spent two hours from 6 until 8 p.m. signing autographs and sitting for photographs.

"I feel like a regular guy and at the same time I know how I'm looked at in the community, so I want to do as much as I can to give back and to help out where I can," says Duchene. The high school hockey junket was especially gratifying, because just three years ago he was riding that bus to Lindsay and Peterborough. And he still remembers

just how fun it was; among friends, with guys who just wanted to play. No money. No per diem. Just rolling wheels and the excited buzz.

"I wanted to come back home, and I said to my mom, ask coach Bro' [Gary Brohman – Hal High hockey coach and principal] if I could come practice, skate with the team and maybe help out coaching and I'm happy he let me do it and it was a lot of fun," says Duchene. "I've had it in mind for a long time to come home . . . I'm not a big guy for the sun. This was definitely my first choice."

Some kids who met Duchene will be taking this moment well past their childhood.

Ryan Hall plays defense for the Highland Storm Novice team that was on the ice practising when Duchene paid a visit to their Tuesday afternoon workout.

Hall came upstairs after practice for Duchene's autograph. Asked who his favourite NHL player was, Hall's answer was succinct and definitive.

"Matt Duchene is my favourite player," smiles Hall.

Asked what words of advice Duchene had for the young Novice team, Hall thinks for a bit. "He told us to play hard; have fun," says Hall.

A pretty nice gift of advice, from one aspiring star to another.

WILDLIFE

Fearless wolf behaviour unusual, MNR says

Problem animals should be dealt with case by case

TERRANCE GAVAN*Staff reporter*

Loggers and residents in the Fort Irwin and Haliburton Lake areas are concerned about a preponderance of unusually belligerent and fearless wolves in the area.

Ministry of Natural Resources wildlife biologist Brent Patterson, who has studied wolves in Algonquin Park for a number of years, says this wolf is uncommon.

"Typical wolf or coyote behaviour is to be shy and fearful of humans," says Patterson. "Wolves that do not exhibit fear of people are unusual."

He says that for whatever reason, there does seem to be at least anecdotal evidence of an increase in aggressive wolf behaviour.

"We do seem to be receiving an increasing number of reports of fearless wolves and coyotes, across both Ontario and North America in general," says Patterson. "This may reflect an increase in protected areas for wolves and coyotes, and general decrease in hunting and trapping pressure in other areas, resulting in increased boldness by these animals. Also, given all the media attention given to bold coyotes and wolves recently, it is likely that both the public are more likely to report, and the media more likely to report stories on, incidents

related to fearless coyotes and wolves."

And Patterson says that while documented cases of wolf attacks in Canada are very rare, it's wise to remember a few commonsense rules when travelling or walking in the wilderness.

"Wolves and coyotes are predators, and like other predators they should be respected as potentially dangerous animals," says Patterson. "While these animals generally don't pose a threat to people in most situations, fearless behaviour by a wolf or coyote is unusual and a signal that the animal in question may pose a threat to human safety if proper precautions are not taken."

Kim Roberts wrote a letter to the *Echo* last week expressing fears that her husband Keith Hodgson, a logger who works in the bush near Fort Irwin, might be in grave danger from an increasingly fearless wolf population in the area.

Hodgson was one of the people who contacted Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey to express his own concerns over the situation. Hodgson also told the *Echo* last week about several documented cases of aberrant wolf behaviour that included circling, howling and a distinct lack of fear of humans.

"That's not normal," said Hodgson last week in an interview.

At the last meeting of council, Fearrey, with the support of council, agreed to invite a representative of the MNR to

a March meeting of council to answer questions about the wolf population in the municipality.

Patterson says that he understands that MNR proactively contacted Dysart et al council on Feb. 12 about meeting with them to address resident and council concerns.

Sam Itani, area supervisor for MNR in the Minden area, says that her staff is available to attend council meetings, and adds that area MNR staffers have participated in three public meetings to date, the most recent in June 2009, hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association Hatchery and the Minden area Fish and Wildlife Council.

Hodgson says that the area where he logs is close to Algonquin Park and he is concerned that protected wolf populations from within the confines of the park are wandering out of the area and into nearby communities.

Hodgson and Roberts both say that the encroachment and behaviour might emanate from the protected species status of wolves in Algonquin Park and wondered if the wolf population was outstripping its containment boundaries.

At one time there was a bounty on wolves, which was lifted in 1972, but Patterson says this is no solution to brazen animals.

"Bounties are an antiquated solution to dealing with 'problem' wildlife is-

sues that are completely unnecessary for dealing with local problems with specific nuisance animals," explains Patterson.

"Although bounties have never been shown effective at reducing or eliminating coyote populations anywhere in North America, they did result in the elimination of wolves from many of the conterminous United States. Although it is a reasonable assumption that under a bounty system we would be much less likely to see wolves or coyote display fearless behaviour towards people, however this proposed solution is overkill, analogous to swatting a fly with a maul."

Patterson says that there are better ways of dealing with overzealous populations.

"A more focused approach, dealing with the problem animals in specific areas where problems occur is a more reasonable solution," says Patterson.

Patterson adds that people may take action when threatened. "Section 31 (1) of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act states that if a person believes on reasonable grounds that wildlife is damaging or about to damage the person's property, or threatening said person, the person may harass the wildlife for the purpose of deterring it and may also capture or kill the wildlife," says Patterson.

Go fly a kite

Wind-powered sports are usually a summer activity, but this athlete's been seen sailing across the ice-covered lake on a snowboard.

/Photo by Jenn Watt



OLD COUNTRY HOUSE

Steinkamp teams up with Rhubarb chefs

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

It will be a busy summer for restaurant owner Maarten Steinkamp, as thoughts of taking a vacation in the next few months result in an eruption of laughter.

"Maybe we should plan a trip to the Mediterranean before we open," jokes Steinkamp. "You know, just to study the food and develop our menu."

Steinkamp is throwing the idea out to David Adams and Christopher Carl, his newly acquired business partners, who are quick to agree with both the trip and the plan. And what with Steinkamp's recent string of successes, who can blame them?

Steinkamp is locally known for the idea he had of buying one of Haliburton's most famous eateries, McKecks, and transforming it from a sports bar into a casual family restaurant.

Aside from the restaurant, Steinkamp also operates McKecks The Blue Line, a charity organization dedicated to helping out with community needs.

With one successful restaurant endeavour under his belt, Steinkamp was ready for more. So the European-born businessman set his sites on a new project and along the way convinced two of the county's most recognizable chefs to join him.

Adams and Carl are no strangers to the area, or the restaurant business. The duo spends their busy days running Rhubarb, an upscale dining establishment featuring locally grown food and a stunning view of Eagle Lake.

So with a team in place, Steinkamp decided it was time to fill a niche that was missing in the county.

"The idea for a Mediterranean/Italian restaurant was first planted in my head by Walt McKechnie," says Steinkamp of McKecks former owner. "He once said to me, 'you know what would be great in Haliburton is an Italian restaurant,' and I told him that was a great idea."

Steinkamp, along with Adams and Carl, has turned that idea into Aniz (pronounced ah-nee-zay), a trattoria-style restaurant that will feature a heavily Mediterranean menu, complete with Italian dishes and Moroccan influences, among other things. It will occupy the building that formerly held the Old Country



Maarten Steinkamp stands in between David Adams, left, and Christopher Carl in front of the Old Country House restaurant. The trio is in the process of renovating and transforming the restaurant into a Mediterranean oasis, set to open in May. /Photo by Angelica Blenich

House.

"The menu will be more Italian and feature staples such as pizzas and sandwiches for lunch with a more serious line-up for dinner," says Adams, who once used to own an Italian restaurant. "We want it to be light and breezy but also engineered to be affordable. It will be the kind of place you can come to after a tough day of work with three of your best friends to just relax and unwind with a glass of wine and some appetizers."

The restaurant's name, which was originally thought up by Adams, is a slight twist on the word Anise, an ingredient traditionally used in Mediterranean dishes. The menu, which was developed by all three men, aims to keep both food and price in mind.

"They looked at it from a food perspective," says Steinkamp referring to Adams and Carl, "while I looked at it from a consumer perspective."

Although the goal was to create a more upscale dining establishment, Steinkamp believes he hasn't lost sight of the target market.

"The prices will be higher than other restaurants in the area," he says, "but everyone said to me that there

was a need for high-end eating in this town."

And what about that other high-end restaurant, Rhubarb? The trio, who have become more than just friends and are now official business partners on both restaurants, will run both.

"Well there are two chefs and two restaurants," says Carl, who grew up living above the Old Country House while his family ran the restaurant before eventually selling it. "We'll have to manage our time between them."

It may sound like a lot of work and stress, but all three seem more than up to the challenge.

"I'm very excited about what we're doing here," says Steinkamp, with the others in agreement. "It's going to be amazing."

Set to open sometime in May, the impending deadline leaves very little time for a quick jaunt overseas to some of those warm and luscious Mediterranean countries.

"Maybe we really should take that trip before we open," jokes Steinkamp, "because we will have no chance of taking a vacation for a while."

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Our own Norah Jones

HER VOICE was a blend of Norah Jones and Serena Ryder. Soulful and playful at once, the voice of Lauren Moyer, a Fleming College ceramics student, glided easily over the punchy melody of "Poison Ivy" by The Coasters.

She squeezed her eyes closed, swinging her head from side to side with the music, her long, wavy dark blonde hair swinging with her, a wide smile on her face.

The audience gasped with unexpected appreciation for this 21-year-old with the voice of a music great.



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editorial

That was Saturday night at the Haliburton museum.

For a \$3 admission fee, a small audience was treated to performance after performance worthy of far more than was paid.

The monthly Folk Society open house seems to fit the old cliché of "the best kept secret in town," because if everyone gave it just one chance, they'd have to switch to a larger venue – like the Northern Lights Pavilion.

Because it wasn't just Moyer who blew the house down with her voice, it was also Bethany Houghton on cello and violin, impressing with detailed Celtic ballads; Scott Duggan, Will Riley and Sarah Varty, all teenagers with the ability to switch from instrument to instrument, picking up on each other's songs as they took the stage in multiple configurations; Melissa Dudgeon, a 19-year-old "hairdresser by day, singer by night," sang smart, if a bit melancholy, songs that she wrote herself; Trina West teamed up with Houghton, Kris Kadwell and Varty to create an impromptu band that performed some original work by West; and Albert Saxby and his friend introduced simply as "Josh" sang the old Highlands classic, "Goin' to the Dump."

And there were plenty more.

By the end of the night the mood was convivial, with everyone singing along, laughing at lyrics and nodding encouragement to the sometimes stumbling newbies that were willing to put it out and take the stage.

Over and over again the MC for the evening, Kris Kadwell, commented on the breadth of talent in the Highlands that would provide for three hours of solid acts.

The Folk Society holds its open houses every third Saturday at the museum. The next one is March 20. An absolutely incredible evening at an amazing price. Give it a try.

P.S. Scuttlebutt is that the high school performance of *Red Riding Hood* is going to be a must-see. Created by the students themselves, including the music, performances are this week. See page 16 for photos from the dress rehearsal.



Beware of wolves

Photo by Angelica Blenich

Paint jobs

OVER THE LAST few years, firearms manufacturers have camouflaged most of their products in order to boost sales. Traditional wood and metal finishes aren't good enough anymore.

Go to any sporting goods store and you can buy rifles and shotguns that blend in with hardwoods, evergreens or snow. Now, they're even making them in pink, in hopes that women will appreciate this. It's not a bad idea, but if you ask me these paint jobs are just a little off base.

You see a paint job that makes my shotgun look like a piece of shrubbery is only helpful once I've got it in the field – and, even then, that's questionable. But that's not the real problem anyhow; the real problem is getting the gun home.

Fortunately, I came up with a brilliant solution this morning. Why can't firearms and bow manufacturers camouflage their products so that they look like implements of menial labour? After all, while my wife would take a conniption if I brought another shotgun or rifle home, she'd be tickled pink if, for the first time ever, I walked through the door with something that looks like a gardening tool.

If, for instance, I brought in a new bolt-action deer rifle that's camouflaged to resemble a rake, I'd be able to walk right by her without a worry in the world. Better still, if it looked like a

plunger my wife would never go near it. As you can see, the possibilities are endless.

I imagine a line of guns that, from a distance, look like garden hoes, shovels, pitchforks, pruners, weed eaters, posthole diggers and other things that I would never actually walk through the door with. That's truly useful camouflage. My wife would be none the wiser; better still she'd believe that all those hypnotic suggestions finally worked. It's what you call a win-win situation.

If this trend takes hold, some enterprising entrepreneur could even market a gun safe that looks exactly like a garden shed. Suddenly, guys like me would spend almost all their waking hours in the yard showing off our tools to our "gardening buddies." Every now and then, we'd have to bring out the real rakes and hoes to do a bit of work but, if you ask me, that's a small price to pay.

Sure, my wife might eventually question why my rake has a scope, sling, and a bipod mounted on it – she's observant like that. She might even ask why it doesn't pick up leaves effectively or why the plunger didn't work when we needed it most. But with a bit of quick talking I'm sure I could alleviate her suspicions. The hard part would be convincing her that I filled my bear tag using only the corn broom that I'm holding in the photo...

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Mysteries and confessions

I'VE LIVED IN A RURAL COMMUNITY for the better part of my life yet, in all those years (and I'm not divulging the number) there are still a number of mysteries about the area I still don't understand, things common to the area I've never done and curiosities of this woodsy culture I've yet to figure out.

This isn't a personal claim of superiority nor is it the type of thing that keeps me up at night (my dog, who evidently is having stomach troubles, looks after that). In fact I'm not even convinced I'm meant to work any these issues out but, since the pile's been building up for so long now, this seems as good a time as any to alleviate some of this brain clutter.

I've been ice fishing twice in my life but have never been in an actual ice hut. As a result I've already created these impossible expectations for the fateful day when I do finally get to take my winter fishing indoors. Is it wrong to expect a juke box and a pool table?

I'm also curious to know who first suggested putting up the walls for ice fishing. Were people just heading to shore every time it got too dark or

too cold but then got smart and decided to erect a tiny house on the lake to avoid the walk home? Then again maybe it was less about inclement conditions and more about protecting the pool table. Again, I don't know.

And I've always been curious to know at what width and what length does a river become a lake or a lake become a river? I'm certain there has to be a couple dozen misnamed bodies of water out there.

I've never portaged although I have canoed. For some reason I prefer to carry the boat at my side like a large bucket rather than over my head like most people which, to me, doesn't qualify as portaging although, if it does, please disregard my earlier claim of never having portaged.

Keeping with the water theme why is everyone so afraid of leaving their docks in the lakes over the winter months? For the last three years mine have remained in and miraculously are still there in the spring. I have yet to see obliterated decking scattered across the lake and have never needed to contact the Coast Guard as to the whereabouts of my wandering wharf.

I have never run for council but I would run for ice cream and I would run from a bear – an angry one at least – or one who appeared to be on the edge of becoming angry.

I have never driven a standard. I've played with them a bit over the years but figure why search for a gear when most of these new vehicles have handy little letters pointing out exactly where they are?

I've attempted to count stars in the night sky but usually give up around 40 (I roughly estimate there are around 87, give or take, despite what scientists might claim).

I'm not convinced our windy roads are simply the result of a rugged, unforgiving terrain. Back then the ability to go in straight lines was severely limited due to the lack of a reliable global positioning system and way too much drinking within the work crew. Thus every time the supervisor would appear (usually Mondays) he would advise his men to "begin heading back that way" thereby straightening the road out for a couple of days at least. We pay for it today by getting nauseated simply going out for milk.

And I have a question: If we do live way high up in the Highlands and Toronto is located well below us in elevation shouldn't we be able to put it in neutral and coast to the city? Sure would save on fuel.



charlie
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Thinking small



pic of the past

Judy Skinner, president of the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary, dropped by this week with an old photo, probably taken around 1981 to '83 of a group of candy strippers. The photo is part of an archive of auxiliary activities going back to its founding in 1971. Skinner challenges *Echo* readers to identify the faces and whether they still reside in the Haliburton area.

letters to the editor

Small town kindness always appreciated

To the Editor,

During the snowfall last Wednesday, I missed the turn into Sears and entered at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home.

Inadvertently I got hung up on the snow-plowed ridge in the entrance. Dwayne and his wife worked heroically and most energetically to free our van.

Since retiring to White Lake 17 years ago we have always found the people throughout the

Highlands willing to go well out of their way to help others.

This and the beauty and tranquility of the area continue to make our retirement such a wonderful time of our life.

Thanks to Dwayne and his wife for giving me an opportunity to express my thoughts.

Pete Charters
Kinmount

Consider yourself lucky to see wolves

To the Editor,

This is a response to a letter written to the *Echo* regarding the recent wolf sightings.

I am just wondering what the author of "Be careful in wolf country" is expecting politicians to do about a prevalence of wolf sightings?

Maybe it's the malicious deer that are pawning off their predators on woodsmen that need a talking to?

Or maybe it's the issue wolf habitat being rapidly depleted by logging and development that needs to be addressed.

Perhaps it is because there are more people out cutting down, or simply walking around remaining wolf habitat that people are seeing more of them. Crying wolf to the MP or MPP is not productive.

If you are truly worried about seeing a wolf in

the woods (or a bear, or a cougar) use common sense and take a walking stick, or your dog, or a friend.

Wolves tend to be incredibly shy and seeing them at all in the wild is rare, and I would say kind of lucky!

When wolves start recklessly attacking willy-nilly and overrunning our streets, then maybe there would be capacity for politicians to take some initiative on the issue.

Until then, I say, take a hike.

C. Boufette
Peterborough

More letters on page 8

Frost Fest a success

To the Editor,

Congratulations, Haliburton, on a great Frost Fest! We had a wonderful time and definitely plan on being back every year to celebrate winter with you. Well planned and great fun! We have been coming to Haliburton for many years, winter and summer and have always found the people in your beau-

tiful town to be exceptionally friendly. Like many people from other places, we would love to live up there and experience that daily! (If any teaching jobs open up, I'm there in a flash!) The planners of Frost Fest should be proud and thanks for a wonderful time!

Michelle Dumas
London, Ont.

Seniors thankful for snow removal efforts

To the Editor,

Last fall the Aging Well in Haliburton County Committee met with the Haliburton BIA along with our reeve, Murray Fearrey, to share our concern about the difficulty that many seniors were having with getting around the village during heavy snow conditions. The meeting was considered a success, in that many positive thoughts and ideas were exchanged on how things might be improved.

After our earlier snow falls in December the difference was certainly noticeable and according to one of our members, who, upon meeting Murray Fearrey on the street one day, relayed to him our delight that conditions had

so vastly improved. Murray Fearrey replied, "Isn't it remarkable what can be accomplished when we just sit down and talk to one another." We agree wholeheartedly.

We would now like to congratulate and thank, not only the municipality, but all those establishments in the village that have contributed to the considerable improvements on our sidewalks and the access to them.

Hopefully your efforts will be rewarded by increased patronage to your businesses by all members of our community.

Yours truly,
The Aging Well in Haliburton
County Committee



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Mark Gibson, a green energy business consultant, discusses the benefits of green roofs with residents of Haliburton County. Gibson was on hand at Fleming College on Feb. 17 to give a presentation on how the green energy act can improve your business and home. /Photo Angelica Blenich

ENVIRONMENT

Haliburton goes green

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

In an effort to become more environmentally sustainable, residents and businesses alike are continuously striving to incorporate green initiatives into their everyday lives. From ditching a Styrofoam cup in favour of using a reusable travel mug to bringing cloth bags to the grocery store, there are many ways sustainable practices are becoming daily habits.

Sustainable living, however, extends beyond these simple practices and can have a greater effect on both the environment and your wallet.

Environmentally minded residents of Haliburton gathered at Fleming College on Feb. 17 to listen to a presentation on the Green Energy Act and how it can affect you or your business.

The Green Energy Act refers to provincial legislation to develop the sustainable energy economy of Ontario while reducing our impact on the environment. It includes incentives for small- and medium-sized businesses to take up sustainable energy generation.

The presentation, titled "How your rooftop can make you money," was organized by the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) and conducted by Switch, a not-for-profit sustainable energy member association.

The focus of the presentation was "green" roofs, or more specifically, solar-paneled roofs. Switch discussed the process involved in generating solar

electricity and the benefits that result from this initiative.

Those in attendance included builders, farmers and other professionals from the county interested in how a solar roof could appeal to their lifestyle.

Mark Gibson, a green energy business consultant with Switch, outlined many of the considerations to take into account if you are thinking about switching to solar electricity. These considerations include: your personal situation, the condition your roof is in, your financial capacity to invest and your reasons for going green.

Gibson was quick to recognize the concerns residents of Haliburton may have.

"I can assure you," said Gibson, "it may not seem like you get enough sun here to generate solar electricity, but you do. It takes a very little amount of sunlight to feed the panels."

Andy Campbell, general manager of HCDC and organizer of the event, believes there are many reasons why environmental sustainability is important to the county of Haliburton.

"A year ago we held a green forum at the college and we had about 90 people attend," said Campbell. "It showed us that there was a real interest here in green initiatives so we wanted to provide something to follow-up the forum."

More than just an interest, Campbell also believes green initiatives go a long way in tourism marketing.

"We would like to promote Haliburton as a 'green' cottage country," said Campbell. "There are a lot of green business opportunities here that we should tap into."

SIGHTS AND SOUNDS

Rappers film music video in Haliburton Forest

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

So what brings two rappers from the Bronx, New York, and a hip-hop artist from Lindsay, Ont. together in Haliburton Forest?

The short answer is Heistclick.

The longer answer is an homage video entitled "Represent," a song written and performed by Lindsay rap prodigy Mr. Burns.

Heistclick is an independent group of rap artists based in the Bronx, New York. Heistclick has been rockin' an Indie vibe since 1998.

Two of its core members, RJ and Faceman, who both hail from the Bronx, invited Mr. Burns into the Heistclick fold recently, and they came up to support their Canadian brother for the "Represent" video shoot in Haliburton Forest.

Last Thursday they packed up a car in Toronto at 4 a.m., and headed out to the forest, where for three hours they rode a dogsled, and filmed footage along the trail, and at the kennels.

"We came up specifically to help out with the video, to support our buddy and be part of the bigger picture," says Faceman. "It's cool up there in the forest, with the dogs and the sleds. We don't have stuff like that in the Bronx. That's a concrete jungle. Coming up here was beautiful, the best thing we could do."

The three young artists also concur that Haliburton



RJ, left, Mr. Burns, centre, and Faceman "represent" in front of the Haliburton Village sign. /Photo Terrance Gavan

Forest provided the perfect backdrop for the song, dedicated to Canada and the Canadian rap scene.

The song's hook, "rockin with the number one country in the world," expresses what Mr. Burns says is his own paean to the Canadian rap and hip hop fraternity, which he says inspired him while he was growing up in the stringent and strait-laced confines of Kawartha Lakes and cottage country.

"Represent" offers a rippin' beat, sharp lyrics, stylish references, and a long shopping list of reverential references to Canadian rappers and hip hop artists past and present. Mr. Burns says they all inspired him along the way, and this was his opportunity to "represent" for them.

"It's all about Canada so we're just doing some traditional Canadian things," says Mr. Burns.

Mr. Burns has been working as an underground performing artist in the Canadian music scene for years. He was writing even as he was attending I.E. Weldon Collegiate.

He started developing his craft from school performances and graduated to writing music daily from the age of 13.

Faceman, RJ, and Mr. Burns also found time to pop into the Canoe FM studios to do a live set with Roxanne Casey on Thursday afternoon, just before heading back to Toronto. The Heistclick trio played a gig in a Lindsay pub last Saturday night.

To hear "Represent" and other music from Mr. Burns go to mrburnsmusic.com. Heistclick music downloads can be found at heistclick.com.

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Haliburton COUNTY news

COMMUNITY

Library circ shoots up

JENN WATT

Editor

Circulation is up. Way up.

It seems that Haliburton County's library system is experiencing something of a renaissance on the heels of two shining new libraries and a new chief librarian who gets a sparkle in her eye when she talks about the future of the eight-branch system.

"Everything ... happened as I hoped it would," says Bessie Sullivan, who has been in charge for just less than one year.

In that year, not only were two new libraries built, but a dozen other initiatives commenced as well, including increased hours, a new DVD collection, a subscription to the searchable genealogy database, Ancestry.ca, the ability to request materials online and WiFi Internet access.

Perhaps as a result of these changes, the amount of material loaned by the library has reached levels in January normally seen in July.

Dysart's branch recorded 4,417 books, CDs or DVDs loaned in January this year. Minden lent 2,173 in that same time.

Compared to last year's numbers, circulation for the month is up almost 50 per cent at both branches. Last January, Dysart sent 2,244 items out the door, while Minden had 1,051.

Sullivan has a few explanations for the upswing. "It's pretty typical of new construction" that circulation increases, she says, plus "in June we started doing regular delivery and pick-up at all branches. Patrons now know stuff comes to every branch once a week, sometimes twice."

That reliability is enough to spur more material requests, especially to those who visit smaller branches that don't have as much on the shelves.

Across all branches, circulation went up 19 per cent between 2008 and 2009, figures show. It isn't just the physical facilities that are drawing more patrons to the new Minden and Haliburton locations, but the resources and lengthened hours that accompany those buildings.

In Haliburton, the branch went from 32 hours to 44 to accommodate the renewed interest in the library. Hours have not changed in Algonquin Highlands or Highlands East, both communities that opposed large, centralized libraries in favour of neighbourhood branches. Circulation numbers have increased more modestly at those branches.

Capitalizing on the renewed interest in the library, Sullivan says they are developing community partnerships to keep momentum. The Ontario Early Years Centre in Minden brought the children in for literacy day and in Haliburton J.D. Hodgson Elementary School classes regularly walk over to learn about the new building.

Attitudes about the role of the library have changed, too. Food, chatting, meetings, even DVD watching are all acceptable in the libraries, which Sullivan sees more as meeting places than silent rows of books.

In fact, Minden's branch is planning to try out a coffee cart for patrons – a suggestion from the public.

"Libraries aren't quiet anymore ... they're community hubs," Sullivan says. "We have WiFi, we don't mind if you eat – spend all day," she says.



Brother Gage, mom Emily Barry, dad Kyle Spencer and sister Desaria welcomed baby Jason into the family in a very unique way last week. /Photo by Chad Ingram.

BIRTHDAY

Baby born in taxi back seat

JENN WATT

Editor

Every baby's birth is a unique story of circumstance and chance – usually including obstacles such as C-sections, long labour, or pain-numbing drugs – but few baby stories include slipping into the world in the back seat of Grumpy's taxi.

In all of Stan Wilson's 12 years driving cab, he has never witnessed a child's birth, until Feb. 12.

"We had a customer to pick up in Irondale area and she was going with her hubby to Lindsay hospital to give birth. ... We were just going across the [County Road] 503 and she looked at me and said, 'Stan, I think my water just broke, I'm sorry I'm making your seat wet,'" Wilson said in an interview with the *Times*.

"I said, 'don't worry about it.' A few minutes later she looked at me and she was in pain and she said the head's coming out," he said.

At that point Wilson knew there wasn't enough time

to get to Lindsay, and rerouted his Suburban, heading for Minden's ER. He called his wife, the dispatcher for Grumpy's, and asked for a police escort.

Meanwhile, Wilson's passenger, Emily Barry, climbed over the front seat to join her husband Kyle Spencer in the back.

"[The baby] was born right there in the back seat" at 8:57 a.m., Wilson said.

Throughout it all, the parents were very calm, with the father helping bring his baby into the world before any emergency services got there. "It just seemed to happen so naturally. He was in the back seat ... and he picked the baby up as it came out and he tried to keep it warm and turned it over to get the phlegm out of its mouth," Wilson said. He pulled the car over at Gelert Road and County Road 121 to wait for EMS. While they waited they swaddled the crying boy in blankets. Baby Jason was born perfectly healthy.

"He was well out and he was crying when he came out. I thought, this is great! I heard him crying and knew he was fine," Wilson said.

2009 big year for cycling on local roads

CHAD INGRAM

Staff reporter

Representatives of the Haliburton Highlands Cycling Coalition and the county's Communities in Action committee thanked county councillors for their continued cooperation on projects to promote active living during a meeting last week.

Dick Charron of the cycling coalition and Kate Hall of Communities in Action made a brief presentation at a Feb. 17 council meeting.

Charron said 2009 had been a big year for the cycling coalition with paved shoulders put in along sections of county roads 21, 1 and 503; and 86 "Share the Road" signs installed throughout the county.

In her presentation, Hall said it was encouraging to see

local government supporting projects to increase fitness levels and specifically complimented Minden Hills for the continuation of its Riverwalk project.

"It's great to see that trail developing," she said.

Hall said she had attended a number of conferences and trade shows last year where she promoted Haliburton County as a destination for those interested in healthy living.

"Some of the work we're doing is also showing up in a number of publications," she said, explaining that a recent Transport Canada document featured the Riverwalk project and that Haliburton County was featured in a destination guide out of Nanaimo, B.C.

Hall said she is working on a survey concerning the eating habits and fitness levels of Haliburton County residents and she and Charron said they were looking forward to the county's continued support of their projects in 2010.

BRIDGET NICKERSON

Miss Canada wins battle of hearts and minds

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

Heard it once, heard it twice, and then heard it again from several people who crossed paths with Canada's reigning Miss Canada, Bridget Nickerson, in Haliburton last weekend: "That's Miss Canada? She doesn't look like a Miss Canada."

Which begs, of course, another question: "What's a Miss Canada supposed to look like?"

Nickerson is neither tall nor statuesque, and bundled in a parka and mittens it was probably hard for most to picture the small Nova Scotian in an evening gown on a crowded runway filled with a bevy of other provincial beauties.

And they probably never caught the smile. Those lucky enough to be on the other end of Nickerson's broad and beaming countenance recognized at once that they were in the presence of Canadian royalty.

She's diminutive, down-to-earth and approachable – a small town girl who used to work in her grandfather's drugstore on Main Street in a little Nova Scotia village of 300 or so, just outside of Yarmouth, N.S.

Nickerson says that unlike a lot of beauty pageants around the world, the Miss Canada International organizers have for years eschewed the boilerplate patina that surrounds most beauty competitions.

"Miss Canada has done a wonderful job of staying away from the stereotype beauty pageant," says Nickerson. "We are a scholarship program . . . we focus on how a woman carries herself, the way she can communicate, and her intellect."

She was in Haliburton on Family Day weekend in the main because her travel committee heard about the Highland Cup Dogsled Derby, organized by Iditarod-bound Hank DeBruin and his wife Tanya McCready-DeBruin.

Nickerson arrived at Derby headquarters at Pinestone Resort very early on Sunday morning, posed for numerous photographs, and then helped call the four dog racers to the starting line and set them on their way.

The rest of her day was literally crammed with typical Highlands activity.

"I was in Barrie for ice fishing on Saturday and today we're starting with the dogsleds and then we're going to go Skidooing, which is exactly what I would be doing if I were home," says Nickerson.

She stopped by McKecks briefly at the charity auction and Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey was never far away, ensuring that she got to see as much of the Highlands as humanly possible during her two-day whirlwind.

Nickerson also does a lot of charity work and as Miss Canada she is the Canadian ambassador of Teddy Bears for Hope, a charity that bring smiles and hope to children in unfortunate circum-



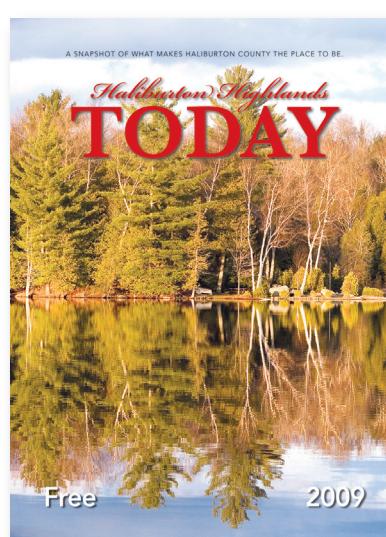
Miss Canada, Bridget Nickerson, was in demand last weekend as she visited the Haliburton to join Highlanders for the Family Day weekend. Above she takes time out to do an interview with Canoe FM's Mike Jaycock at the Pinestone Resort, where she was a guest starter at the annual Highland Cup Dogsled Derby. /Photo by Terrance Gavan

stances all over the globe.

She says she was blown away by the Highlands.

"I fell in love with the area immedi-

ately," smiles Nickerson. "It reminds me very much of home, very warm and welcoming."



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PC contender worked for federal cabinet minister

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minister Jim Prentice's right-hand man out of Ottawa, a job that has involved a lot of travelling and experience

in a number of jurisdictions, ranging from Aboriginal affairs to the environment and industry.

"I've worked in Ottawa for a cabinet minister and I have had the opportunity to follow him around the

country in different portfolios. And, now, I have a chance to come home and offer that unique experience," he said.

Breadner was born and raised in the Lindsay area and attended Jack Callaghan Public School before moving on to I.E. Weldon Secondary School.

He holds an advertising and communications diploma from Mohawk College and an honours degree in political science from the University of Western Ontario.

He thinks he can make the transition from federal to provincial politics.

"I feel that a lot of the provincial issues are very important to people directly versus a lot of the federal issues," he said, "it is about the community and riding and doing what is best for the electorate" not whether it is a federal or provincial issue.

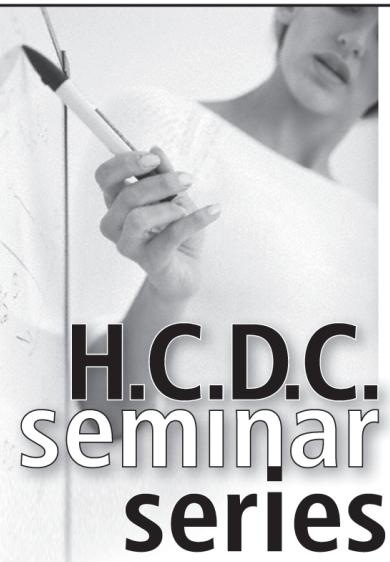
Breadner said he knows he has his work cut out for him, running against Scott and incumbent Liberal MPP Rick Johnson.

"That is why I have nominated early. My main focus is to get out there and talk to as many people as I possibly can. They need to meet me and see me. I am just going to work as hard as I can and do the best I can."

Breadner, who is just shy of his 30th birthday, has been a volunteer campaigner for the PCs in the past. He has worked for MP Barry Devolin and Scott.

Devolin paid him a compliment in 2005, saying "he's very enthusiastic and he knows a lot of people."

Lindsay Post



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SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING - Kim McBrien

Tuesday February 23rd, 2010 - 12:00pm to 3:00pm. Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule A. Learn how to use social media tools efficiently and effectively to promote you and your business online and to expand your marketplace. Includes specific information for artists of all media and tourism tools.

MANAGING VOLUNTEERS - Fay Martin

Wednesday February 24th, 2010 - 9:00am to 12:00pm. Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule B. This workshop will focus on clear communication as the basis of good volunteer relationships. It will look at recruiting volunteers, job descriptions, interviews and feedback. It will also look at strategies for transitioning into paid work.

PHOTOGRAPHING YOUR WORK - Laurie Carmount

Thursday February 25th, 2010 - 1:00pm to 3:00pm - Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden. Fee: Schedule B. 98% of people who buy art, do so because they've seen a photo of it first. Learn how to take photographs that represent you and your work at its best. Contact the Arts Council to register: 705-457-8033 / info@haliburtonarts.on.ca

ARTIST'S TOOLKIT - Laurie Carmount

Thursday February 25th, 2010 - 3:00pm to 5:00pm - Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden. Fee: Schedule B. How to make strong presentations to galleries, calls for entries and submissions, artist statement, CV and other tools that every artist should have. Contact the Arts Council to register: 705-457-8033 / info@haliburtonarts.on.ca

WORKING WITH DIGITAL IMAGES II - Tammy Rea

Tuesday March 2nd, 2010 - 9:00am to 12:00pm - Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule A. This workshop will cover putting digital images into Powerpoint and web applications, using software for photo editing and more. Limited space. Contact the Arts Council to register: 705-457-8033 / info@haliburtonarts.on.ca

MANAGING STAFF FOR SMALL BUSINESSES - Fay Martin

Wednesday March 3rd, 2010 - 6:00pm to 9:00pm - Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule B. Focusing on clear communication as the basis of good work relationships, this workshop will look at job descriptions, interviews, performance evaluations and feedback as a way of identifying and correcting employment problems.

QUICK BOOKS: AN OVERVIEW - Robert Hall, CMA

Tuesday March 9th, 2010 - 9:00am to 12:00pm - Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule B. A 3 hour overview of this popular accounting software program.

SHAMELESS PROMOTIONS - Michael Fletcher

Wednesday March 10th, 2010 - 9:00am to 12:00pm - Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule C. More than 50 ways to promote your business! This lecture is for anyone who owns a business and wants to think "outside the box", you'll be saying "WOW ...why didn't I think of that!".

BUILDING YOUR BUSINESS PLAN - Lauren Forbes

Tuesday March 23rd, 2010 - 1:00pm to 5:00pm - Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule B. A hands-on workshop taking you through the steps of building a strong business plan.

PRICING FOR PROFITABILITY - Lauren Forbes

Wednesday March 24th, 2010 - 9:00am to 1:00pm - Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule B. How to best price your products and artwork for maximum profitability.

SELLING YOUR WORK WITHOUT SELLING YOUR SOUL - Kim McBrien

Wednesday March 24th, 2010 - 2:00pm to 4:00pm - Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule B. Techniques and strategies for effective sales. Focus on the retail environment, trade shows, art fairs and galleries. Contact the Arts Council to register: 705-457-8033 / info@haliburtonarts.on.ca

MARKETING DYNAMICS - Mike Jaycock

Tuesday March 30th, 2010 - 9:00am to 12:00pm - Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule C. A "roll up your sleeves" seminar to provide you with a planning process that will work for your business communications. Bring along your "burning" communication issues for discussion.

THINK ABOUT THINKING; AN INTRO. TO IMPROVED DECISION MAKING - Doug Carey

Wednesday April 7th, 2010 - 1:00pm to 4:00pm - Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule C. Using techniques defined by Dr. Edward de Bono, learn a process for effective thinking and tools to help you make better decisions and focus your efforts.

MANAGING STRESS IN THE WORKPLACE - Dr. Jack Russel

Tuesday April 13th, 2010 - 10:00am to 12:00pm - Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule C. Managing personal stress will improve workplace performance. This workshop will focus on learning how to manage stress and develop strategies to overcome it.

OVERCOMING PROCRASTINATION - Dr. Jack Russel

Wednesday April 14th, 2010 - 10:00am to 12:00pm - Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: Schedule C. Identifying procrastination behaviors and developing strategies to implement better time management skills.

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Haliburton County Outdoors

by Steve Galea

WINTER

Ice fishing goes high-tech

For most of us, ice fishing is a wait-and-see game that relies on past experience, faith in your chosen technique and more than a bit of patience. You go to a trusted spot, drill a hole or two, lower a minnow or jig and hope that the fish are there and biting.

But, like just about everything else, this once simple sport is going high-tech. Modern fish-finding electronics, power augers, and increased mobility due to snowmobiles, ATVs and portable huts are changing the game entirely. And, if you ask me, for the better.

Andrew Graham, of Graham's Guiding Service, proved this to me on a recent outing. He is, as far as I'm aware, Haliburton County's only ice fishing guide; he rents huts, but also teaches techniques, guides anglers on backwoods ice fishing adventures and introduces them to tactics they probably haven't tried before.

The 27-year-old Mindenite has impeccable credentials for the job too. He and his angling partner have placed in the top 10 in the prestigious Canadian Ice Fishing Championships three times in six attempts, including one first place win in 2007 – no small achievement as this tournament typically draws about 150 skilled teams. When he's not in the county running his business, Graham is busy guiding hunters or anglers in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories or Nunavut. It's a job he loves and is good at.

As an ice angler of the cutting edge, he's an enthusiastic proponent of fishing electronics.

"Electronics have revolutionized ice fishing," he says. "Once you get the hang of using these units, you'll never go back to the old way. They allow you to 'see' your bait, fish activity, the structure of the lake and determine if the fish are in a passive or aggressive mood. They show you that there are fish below, so you remain confident. And that's key to fishing success."

On our outing, I caught and released three lake trout and missed hooking three more because I was interviewing Andrew and not heeding my line – not bad for a slow day on the lake.

His state-of-the-art fish finder had the sensitivity to detect the swivels on our lines some 70-feet down. It also showed that the fish were relatively inactive that day – they'd rise to the bait but stop short. Without this vital electronic intelligence, many anglers would have moved on, completely unaware that they were over fish. But those red lines on that small screen told a different story, so we experimented with presentation and changed lures until we found the combination they couldn't resist.

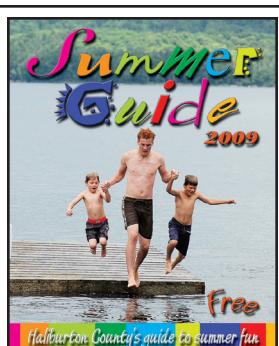
One of the tactics Graham employs in conjunction with electronics is "running and gunning." This means continually moving from spot to spot, drilling holes, scoping them out with electronics, and dropping a line when fish are present. If hook-ups don't happen in short order, you move to the next spot and repeat the process. It's an efficient tactic that accounted for all three fish.



Ice fisherman Andrew Graham shows off his catch in Mountain Lake.

Obviously, there's more to the modern approach than mobility and electronics. There's benefit, for instance, in downsizing bait when dealing with inactive fish and using larger baits when lunkers are marked lurking below. The little things count too: the right knots, good line, and a sensitive rod/reel combo all up your odds.

Graham teaches all this and more to his clients with lessons for newbies and experienced anglers alike. Contact him at 705-935-0003 or visit his website at www.grahamguiding.com to see what else he can offer. You won't regret it. Andrew Graham is the real deal.



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MOOSE

Numbers are up

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He reports that the 2010 MNR aerial moose survey, conducted in mid-January, came up with a population estimate of 459 moose in the unit, up from the last estimate of 436 in 2007. The observations suggest the herd consists of 106 bulls, 252 cows, and 101 calves.

"That's means that calves represent about 20 per cent of the population, which is indicative of a healthy herd," he says.

Pilot and observers put in 20 hours of flight time over the course of a week and surveyed 19 of the 100 plots in WMU 56. (A plot is an area 10 by 2.5 kilometres.)

"Essentially, they fly lines about 200 feet above the ground and whenever they cross fresh moose tracks, follow them until they find the animal that made them," says Moraal.

The population estimate will help him determine moose tag allocations for the unit for the 2010 hunt. This information will be available in mid-March, he says.

Here's a brief listing of outdoor events for the next month. If you'd like to post any Haliburton County-based outdoor-related events, please email Steve at TheOutdoorLife@aol.com.

Feb. 27:

The Irondale Fishing Derby

Place: Contau and Salerno Lakes

Time: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Target species: Walleye

Entry: \$10 per person

Pre-register at: The Irondale General Store or at Outdoors Plus in Haliburton

Prizes: 1st prize, \$100, 2nd prize \$75, 3rd prize: \$50.

For more information call Barry Simmons at 447-2380.

Feb. 28:

Minden Hills 6th annual Ice Fishing Derby

Place: Pigeon Lake

Time: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., weigh in on ice.

Target Species: Lake trout

Entry: \$20 per person; \$10 for anglers 10 and under.

Pre-register by calling 705-286-1202 or on ice day of

derby.

Prizes: First, second and third place receive cash prizes.

For more information call 705-286-1202.

March 6:

Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association Wild Game Dinner

Where Haliburton Legion

Tickets: \$30 each or \$50 per couple

Dinner, dance door prizes and silent auction

Cocktails at 5 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Ken Mc Farlane Lake Trout Ice Fishing Derby

Place: Esson, Grace, Farquhar, Wilbermere, Miskwabi Lakes

Pre-register at Wilberforce Legion Br. 624 till closing March 5 or at Fishes' Lunchbox in Wilberforce until 10 a.m. day of tournament. \$15 per person.

Weigh in: 3 to 6 p.m.

Target species: Lake trout

Prizes: Prize money divided among winners.

For more information call Mary Dunne 448-3512 or 448-2221.

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Cast members Caleb Zilla and Lindsey Hawley rehearse scenes from The Complete Adventures of Red Riding Hood. The play will be performed at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Feb. 26 and 27. /Photos by Angelica Blenich



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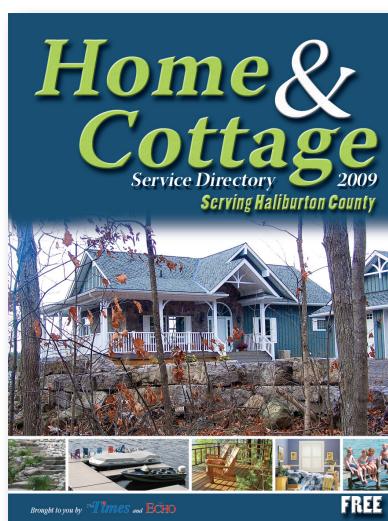
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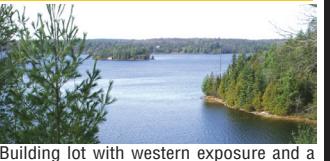




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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Hawk hoopsters get heave ho in Elite Eight

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

The Hal High senior hoops squad struggled valiantly versus long-time nemesis I.E. Weldon Wildcats last Wednesday in the Elite Eight section of Kawartha's Sweet 16 tournament.

In the balance, a trip to the final four.

Wasn't to be, however, as the AAA Wildcats turned back the AA Red Hawks 30-20.

Coach Roland Zilla said his team saved their best for last.

"We lost the game but we played our best game of the season," said Zilla. "With two minutes left they were only up six, but they went into a stall, and we had to foul them to get the ball back, and they pulled away in the last two minutes."

Andrew Elia scored 10 points and Luke Watson hit six in the defensive battle.

"It was an excellent game," said Zilla. "We played phenomenal."

However, a sticking point remains the looming spectacle of the newly installed Sweet 16 format, which pitted AA and AAA schools in the same playoff groupings. Zilla said that the Red Hawks were one of the few AA schools that were forced to play AAA competition in both playoff games, which means that the Hawks were on the south side of some very suspect seedings.

He said that the team arrived in Peterborough early last Wednesday especially so they could scout the

game prior to theirs, which pitted two AA schools from Peterborough, Adam Scott and Kenner, in another Elite Eight match-up.

"Walter [Tose, assistant coach,] and I wanted to get there early to scout that Kenner Adam Scott game," said Zilla. Adam Scott went on to win the game. "There was no doubt that we were a better team than Adam Scott but because of the seedings involved, we ended up playing two AAA teams and we never got a chance to play a AA team."

Also unfortunate because that Wildcat team is probably the best AAA team in both Kawartha and COSSA.

"It's too bad that the draw didn't work out a different way," lamented Zilla.

"That's one of the problems with that Sweet 16. We had to play two AAA teams and I also don't know why two Kawartha West teams were playing each other and two Peterborough teams were playing against each other. It's tough to have your season end that way."

Of course now that the season is over Zilla is looking, like most coaches do, toward next year. And the glass is just a little more than half full for Zilla who just got word that one of his top players, Watson, will be returning next season. There was some speculation that Watson, who is in Grade 12, would graduate out of Hal High with co-captain Adam van Nood in June.

However, Watson has opted to stay for a fifth year of high school and that is especially great news for Zilla, who pondered retiring as coach, but now says that he'll be back for at least another season.

Watson will be back with Andrew Elia and they may

be aided in the frontcourt with the addition of junior star Damon Flatman who will be joining the seniors next season.

Zilla says he's looking forward to the 2010-11 season, but said his boys could take pride in their accomplishments this year.



Red Hawk forward Luke Watson (25) will be returning for another year of study and another year of hoops. (File photo /Terry Gavan.)

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HIGH SCHOOL

Red Hawks lose at Gore bonspiel

One last weekend; one final bonspiel.

That's what it came down to for Hal High's star-crossed curling foursome last weekend.

They earned the right to defend their Gore High School Curling title through a series of grueling qualification tourneys that began several months ago.

Last weekend the Hal High curling foursome consisting of skip, Jesse Walker, third, Owen Duhaime, second, Connor Cowan, and lead, Mike Mazara travelled to St. Thomas Curling Club – home of this year's Gore high school bonspiel.

They had the trophy, but their appearance at this year's Gore had some bittersweet qualities.

Due to some scheduling conflicts, the Red Hawks, who placed first in the Southwest Kawartha zone, had to withdraw from further play in the Kawartha zone, COSSA, and indeed OFSAA this year.

Duhaime is curling lead in the winter games and Mazara is a provincial competitor in the Ontario winter games' wrestling tournament. The Hal High team has no spares and had to make a heartbreakng decision two weeks ago to withdraw the team from further league play.

Thus it came down to an all or nothing whirlwind weekend in St. Thomas.

The Hawks were placed in what turned out to be the strongest four-team pool. They endured round robin losses to North Dundas (8-7), St. James (8-7) and Mother Theresa (9-7) and they did not advance to the medal round. Mother Theresa ended up defeating St. James 7-3 in the Gore final.

Coaches Tom Dibblee and Russ Duhaime were both pleased with the stellar play exhibited by their young team. "We were a very competitive force making the other teams in our pool work for every shot," said Dibblee last Sunday.

Dibblee added that, "highlights of the weekend were our excellent team play and sportsmanship . . . our Red Hawks supported each other the whole weekend."

He added that the team owed special thanks to co-coach Russ Duhaime, and all the Red Hawk family members who made the trek south to St. Thomas to support their boys.

Wright brothers advance to OFSAA

Five talented Red Hawk skiers achieved some stellar results at the COSSA meet held at Glebe Park last Wednesday.

Two senior boys' skiers, brothers Josh and Daniel Wright, finished with a silver and a fourth place finish respectively in their individual event, and they will be moving on to OFSAA provincial Nordic finals slated for Midland beginning tomorrow (Wednesday, Feb. 24).

Monty Wheeler finished first in his novice class. Christine Darlington placed fourth in her junior individual race. Greg Foster, who also races snowboard for Hal High, placed eighth in junior boys, and will not be moving on to OFSAA, but may be heading to OFSAA in snowboard slalom.

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SPIKE Senior Hawks host Kawartha volleyball finals

Eight high school teams from Holy Cross, Cobourg West, Clarke, Brock, Lakefield District, Adam Scott, and Thomas A Stewart participated along with host Hal High in the Kawartha zone senior girls volleyball playdowns last Thursday at the Hawks' Nest. In what can only be described as a perplexing scheduling anomaly, this final tourney was the only opportunity the Red Hawk senior girls volleyball team had to play at home during the entire 2009-10 season. Brock Bulldogs from Cannington won the tournament. Hal High girls were shut down by LDSS and Cobourg in their preliminary round robin action but rebounded to take a set from Adam Scott. They never advanced through their pool. At left Hawks hitter Kara Pogue (6) sets up to bump a missed block. At right Hawks stalwart strong middle attacker Jenna Dibblee (12) just misses a strong side block.

Photos by Terrance Gavan.



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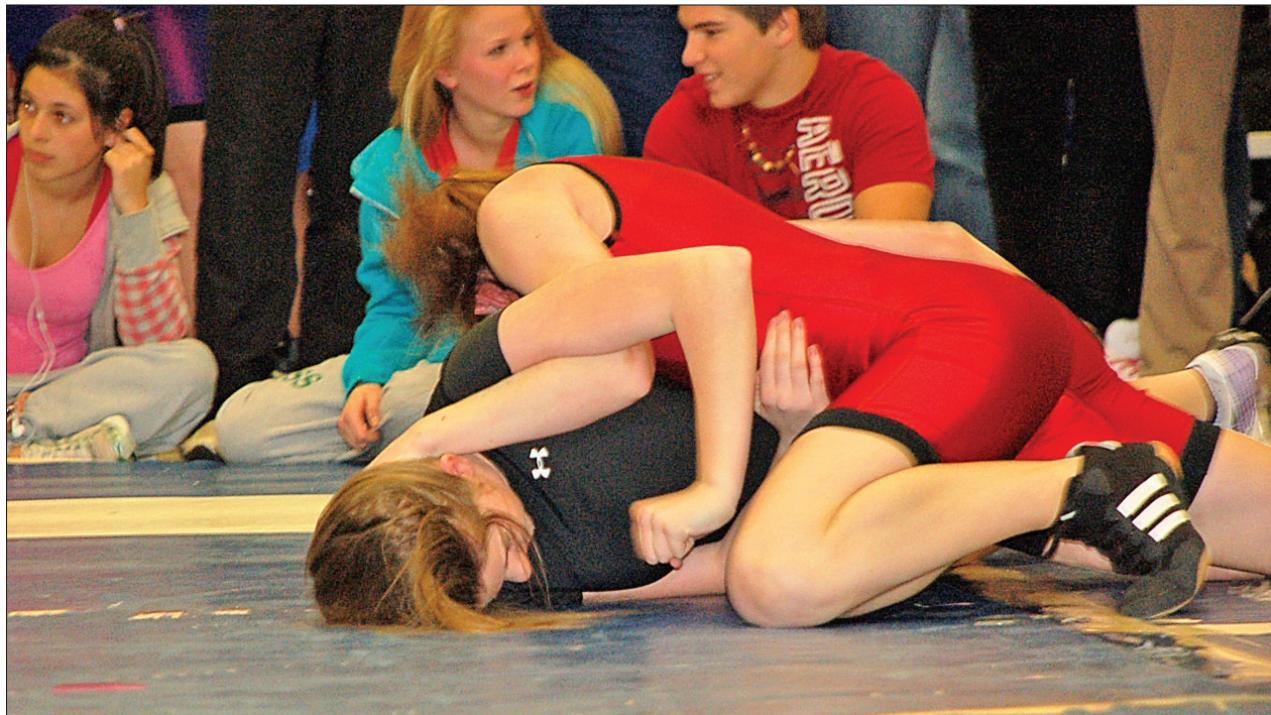
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Coaches Paul Klose and Dan Fockler are tremendously impressed by all of the team's efforts, as many of the wrestlers on the team are first year wrestlers. They are looking forward for the years to come with these athletes.

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RED HAWK WRESTLING

Way to go girls

On Wednesday, Feb. 17, the Red Hawk wrestling team travelled to LCVI in Lindsay to wrestle in the COSSA championships.

All athletes wrestled well, and some managed to place in the top three, including bronze medalists Tara O'Sullivan and Emma Paul, silver medalists Baily Walker and Sasha White, and gold medalists Christianna Walker and Nicole Mazara.

Special mention also to Megan Tompose, Liz Thoth and Cody Cox as they wrestled extremely well and managed to receive fourth place in their weight classes.

Submitted by Paul Klose

HOCKEY

Red Hawks tame Wildcats, need win to clinch

Avs' Matt Duchene hops on the bus and helps coach his old team

TERRANCE GAVAN*Staff reporter*

Chinese philosopher Lau Tzu told us that a journey of a thousand miles begins beneath one's feet.

Beneath one's feet: just like that endless white-ice dash from blue line to slot; just like a hockey season; and just like the game itself.

Ron Yake, Hal High Red Hawk hockey coach, is much less philosophical when assessing the perpetual plod. He posits that most of the magic happens beneath those feet; but a lot of it also hangs between the ears.

And so his game day journey begins with a trip from dressing room to bench; a few well-chosen words; and then a pensive perusal and gentle reinforcing of the basics for what is essentially, a pretty simple game. Skate, shoot, score; easy-peasey.

Last Wednesday his Hal High Red Hawks took a 100-click trip to Lindsay and beat the I.E. Weldon Wildcats 7-3 in a game that was determined, ultimately, by the ever-churning blades beneath the feet of a clearly dominant Hal High squad. But nurtured noggins ingrained with a season's trudge of positional play and pinpoint passing didn't hurt either.

The win pushed the Hawks' record to 11-0-1. They need one more win to clinch first place. They have two games remaining in their schedule – a home encounter



Red Hawk forward and baby-faced assassin Mark Vasey (9) almost scored his second goal of the game on this nearly picture perfect snipe from just outside the slot. Wildcat goalie Taylor Ayres got just enough to steer it out of harm's way. Hawks won the game 7-3. Photos by Terrance Gavan.

against Norwood last night (Monday, Feb. 22) and a road game versus Adam Scott in Peterborough on Feb. 25.

The Red Hawks dominated all facets of last Wednesday's game, forechecking with that patented punishing

pressure, and then utilizing their great speed and depth to buttress a quick-hitting, head-manning, and well-balanced front side attack.

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Early goals key to Hawks' success

from page 24

So far, so good, says Yake, who had to take a back seat to the mildly unassuming presence of a special guest coach who rode the bus and assumed mentoring duties behind the bench between Yake and assistant coach – and Hal High principal – Gary Brohman.

Colorado Avalanche rookie Matt Duchene – a contender for NHL rookie of the year honours, on hiatus from the team for the Olympic break – hopped on the team bus and took a spot on the bench. Hard to believe that only three years hence, Duchene was just another hard-working center on a Red Hawk team that went to the COSSA tourney.

The number three pick overall in the 2009 NHL draft was also on hand for a team practice at Dysart Arena last Tuesday afternoon. He took part in drills, a shoot-out, and offered some power play positioning and puck-cycling advice near the end of the short practice.

Yake wondered aloud after practice on Tuesday afternoon if his guys might find Duchene's presence on the bench a little distracting.

He needn't have worried. The Hawks skated out onto pad one of the Lindsay Recreational Complex last Wednesday and took control of the game early – and often.

The baby-faced assassin, sniper Mark Vasey, set the tone for the game early, scoring just 17 seconds into the opening period on a quick out-from-nowhere glove side snitch past the outstretched palm of Wildcat goalie Taylor Ayres.

Wildcat forward Greg O'Neil managed to capitalize on a giveaway just two minutes later to tie the game, but that was as close as the Wildcats would get.

The Hawks quickly shrugged off that tying goal and pushed their lead to 4-1 after one, and 5-2 after two periods.

Brett Yake led all scorers with two goals and two assists and was instrumental on special teams and pen-

alty kill situations. Carson Roberts and Ashton Haley both had a goal and an assist, while Brandon Yake and Scott Griffith each added single tallies for the Hawks. Single helpers went to Greg Clements, Keaton Gadway, Kevin Nelson, Matt Rae, Ian Bottum and Drew Paul. Paddy Manuge played his usually steady-stellar game between the pipes to earn the win. Wylon Skinner and Ken Bartley scored the other two goals for the Wildcats.

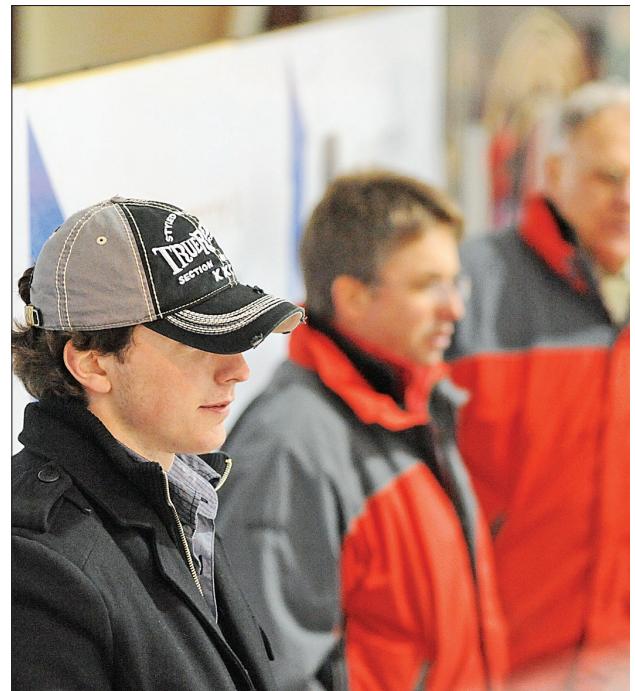
Yake addressed the Duchene factor post-game. "Yeah, we started out quick, and it was a great game," laughed Yake, while taking a peek at the crowd quietly forming outside the dressing room waiting for Duchene to appear for autographs. "I don't know if our focus was totally there, there was a lot of excitement around Matt being here so there was a little different focus today," added Yake. "But anyway, the guys came out and played hard we got some early goals and that's one of the keys to our last few games, scoring early." And now with just two games remaining in the season, and first place nearly in the bag, Yake said they're happy, but dedicated to finish their season on a strong roll. That first place finish, gives them an opportunity to host the Kawartha final tournament.

"We're happy, because our goal was always to end up in first place," said Yake. "We put ourselves in a position to do that, and we played well all season."

On March 1 the Kawartha playoffs get underway with sudden death seeded games featuring eight at one, seven at two, six at three, and five at four.

One win in their last two games would assure the Hawks of first place and a win in round one would allow them to host the Kawartha zone AA tournament on March 3.

The two semi-finals would go in the morning at Dysart Arena, and the Kawartha zone finals would go at 2 pm with both semi-final winners advancing to the COSSA zones, slated for the Quinte area during the following week.



Old coach - New coach

Matt Duchene keeps an eye on the play behind the Red Hawk bench with his old coaches Ron Yake (middle) and Gary Brohman.

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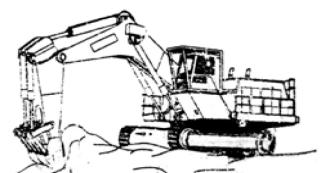
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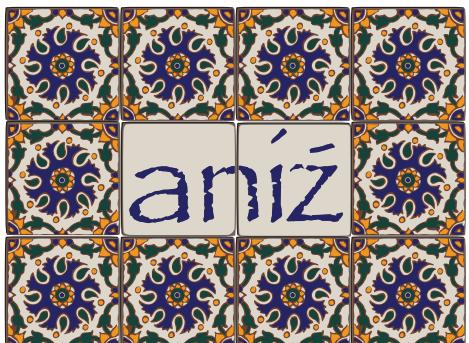
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Feb. 12

The Haliburton snowboarders dominated the Kawartha championship, led by Greg Foster for the boys and Christianna Walker for the girls. The boys' teams came in first and third and the girls' teams also came in first and third.

Feb. 16

The Red Hawk hockey team continued their undefeated streak by defeating the Wildcats from I.E. Weldon by a 7 to 3 score.

Feb. 17

The Junior Girls' volleyball team earned 17 points in game one and 16 points in game two against the number-one-seeded Cobourg West team. The girls defeated Holy Cross two games straight. The girls came up short in the

third match, missing the playoff round by one point.

The Nordic ski team had a successful day at COSSA, with Joshua Wright earning a silver medal and Daniel Wright taking fourth place.

Monty Wheeler struck gold in the novice category to end the season, while Christine Darlington earned fourth in junior girls. Great effort from Greg Foster and Scott Henwood.

The senior boys' basketball team's playoff run ended after giving the number one ranked COSSA AAA Weldon team their toughest win of the season.

Final score Weldon 30, Haliburton 20. Congratulations to all team members, particularly J.J. Kerr, Matt Smith, Adam van Nood, and Graeme Lloyd for their four-year commitment and dedication to the boys' basketball program.

The Red Hawk wrestling team placed nine competitors in the top four of their weight class at the COSSA championships. In fourth place were Cody Cox, Megan Tompos and Liz Toth. Third place winners were Emma Paul and Tara O'Sullivan. Earning second were Bailey Walker and Sasha White. COSSA champions are Nicole Mazara and Christianna Walker.

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■ WILBERFORCE

Grandmas know what kids like on pancakes

community news

wilberforce**Hilda Clark**
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It was a pleasant surprise for the people at St. Margaret's that the students and staff at the nearby Wilberforce School had decided to come for lunch. That was the pancake lunch last Tuesday, Feb. 16. And come for lunch they did. First the Grade 1, 2, 3 class arrived and a little late the Grade 4, 5 and 6 students settled in for some pancakes, sausages and syrup. One special grandma offered some chocolate chip toppings. That was a popular treat as was the ice cream delivered by another grandmother who knows what kids like.

How well-mannered and happy the students were. How good of them to

drop over for lunch. A student thank you speech after lunch and a big thank you card signed by the children were much appreciated.

The pancake makers were well-practised for a nice turnout of adult diners who began arriving as the youngsters departed.

We are sorry that Earl Cooper has been experiencing some health problems. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Vancouver, hosting the 2010 Winter Olympics, may be sports central at this time, but Wilberforce was also very involved in sports as well this weekend. Though snowmobilers were very much on the scene, hockey reigned. All day Saturday until well into the evening and all day Sunday hockey kept the local arena busy with the annual Fred Agnew Memorial Tournament. Not sure which teams won but from all reports the players on a goodly number of teams

had fun, many of the "old timers" playing only at this event. Congratulations to all the participants and especially to the organizers. Setting up this type of event and carrying it out is no easy accomplishment.

Matt Duchene was a welcome celebrity in town on Sunday, Feb. 21.

This friendly, down-to-earth young man willingly took part in a session of autographing and picture taking at the Lloyd Watson Centre. His many fans were delighted to meet Matt who is playing in his first year in the National

Hockey League. Donations that were generously given during this event will be donated to Sick Kids in Toronto in memory of Dawson Hamilton who spent much of his short young life at that hospital.

The Loop Troupe is still accepting and encouraging people of all ages to take part in a variety night in mid May. If you sing, dance, play an instrument, recite or have a short skit to perform, you can contact Adele at 448-2838, Gill at 448-1411 or any of the Troupe in the next couple of weeks.

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At the present membership is 92 Ordinary, 357 Associate and 68 voting affiliates. At the time of writing this there were still 164 members not paid for 2010.

Donations totaling \$1,750 were approved for HERSS (Haliburton Emergency Rural Safe Shelter), MS and Archie Stouffer School for the county track and field.

Bingo is held every Wednesday night. Doors open at 6 p.m. and games begin at 7 p.m. Regular jackpots are \$400. The next \$1,000 jackpot game will be on Feb. 24. There is still a need for more bingo helpers, if you can spare one hour from 6 to 7 p.m. on a Wednesday night it would be greatly appreciated.

At this time I can't announce any Sunday brunches but please listen to the local radio stations for updates. Volunteers

are still needed. It is not a requirement to be a legion member.

The annual Legion public speaking contest was held on Saturday, Feb. 6. The first place winners will speak at zone level. On the same day two teams from Haliburton placed in the zone dart tournament and will proceed on to district level in Bayridges. We wish all these individuals the very best.

On Saturday, Feb. 13, in conjunction with the Frost Fest activities, the branch provided a delicious roast beef dinner. Miss Canada attended along with local dignitaries and there many pictures taken. Thank you to all those who attended. A special thank you to those who helped on Friday and Saturday and to the cadets who helped with the serving.

We were very saddened to hear of the passing of Helen Horne, wife of our district Comrade Padre Sid Horne. The funeral was in Trenton on Monday, Feb. 7. Two of our members from Haliburton managed to attend. The funeral of our own member comrade Royce Bain was on the same day in Haliburton. We extend our sincere sympathies to the families of both.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all who are suffering either in health or spirit.

The next general meeting of the branch will be on Thursday, March 11 at 7:30 so please mark it on your calendars now and plan to attend.

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"Linked" gives insight into the progressive nature of student work, that is at turns playful, pensive and sometimes pretty darned hard to get a handle on, and that's OK! It is through experiments, concept development and creative risk-taking that students develop their artistic voice.

By intention, no finished work is shown. This is the second year in a row the Rails End has presented a peek at the inner world of VCAD (Visual and Creative Arts Diploma).

The students invite family, friends, peers and the general public to view their work and visually explore their artistic process this term.

Many thanks to Applejacks for providing food at the reception to be held on March 11.

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HOCKEY

Highland Storm AE shine over Stars

KARENA CROFTS*Manager Highland Storm Atom AE*

The Highland Storm Atom AEs won their series against the Newcastle Stars and moved on to the semi-finals against Lakefield in the OMHA all-Ontario playoffs.

After their loss last Sunday the Highland Storm Atom AEs knew they had to stay on their toes and play good hockey and take nothing for granted. The fourth game was played this Saturday, Feb. 20 in Newcastle at 6 p.m. The Newcastle Stars came out playing with purpose and were matched with the same effort by the Storm. There was no scoring until the second period



in this intense game, with a lot of cheering and encouragement from the stands for both teams.

Alex Wilbee scored the goal in the second with an assist from Jack Dobie. After the flood the Storm returned to the ice with the same purpose to be rewarded with their second goal by Greg Crofts assisted by Jack Dobie. Once again a tremendous effort by goalie Anthony Bertucca, with a shutout and the rest of the team, Jake Bull, Jacob Haedicke, Carter O'Neill, Devyn Prentice, Ryan Prentice, Owen Smith (hope you are feeling better) and Trevor Turner.

The dates and times for the series against Lakefield have yet to be decided.



Todd's Curling for Care Bonspiel

Left, winners of the second draw are from left, Michelle Todd, Wayne Hussey, Shirley Howse, Lolita Mitchell, Chester Howse, Steve Todd and in front Drew Todd. Right: winners of the first draw are from left, Michelle Todd, Bob MacNaull, Anne MacNaull, Marla MacNaull, Tom Merriman, Steve Todd and in front, Drew Todd.

The second Curl for Care Bonspiel had 64 curlers enjoying a day of three six-end games and a roast beef dinner on the weekend and raising \$3,500 for the HHHS Foundation to go toward ceiling lifts in the long-term care facilities.

The event was sponsored by Steve and Michelle Todd of Todd's Independent. Thanks to the Haliburton Curling Club for donating the club for the day, Curry Motors for prizes, Colio Estate Wines for prizes, draw masters and scorers Bob and Anne MacNaull and Tom Merriman, Parker Pad and Printing. Special thanks to the staff of Todd's Independent for all their work. / Photos by David Zilstra



Pancake Tuesday at St. Margaret's

St. Margaret's Anglican Church in Wilberforce kicked off the Lenten season with their annual 'pancake day' held in the church basement on Shrove Tuesday (Feb. 16). Members of the parish helped out in the kitchen to feed a large number of pancake-loving students and adults from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. A great opportunity for people to partake in fellowship and a great meal. Better still for those people who are giving up maple syrup for Lent. / Photo by Terrance Gavan

WEST GUILFORD

Welcome Easton James, newest citizen born Feb. 15

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

Welcome to Guilford's newest citizen, Easton James, son of Janine and Josh Burk. The little fellow made his entrance on Feb. 15 at Soldiers Memorial Hospital in Orillia. Congratulations to happy parents and grandparents.

Kathleen Owens and Pam Rolfe attended the Women's Institute meeting on Wednesday at the home of Mary Cox in Minden.

On Sunday, Feb. 14, we not only heard the excellent musicianship of Lauren MacInnes on piano and her husband Tom Regina on flute at Rails End Gallery, presentations were a burst of sunflowers and the painting of sheep.

Vicki Sisson is president of the board of the Rails End Gallery, since last September. Vicki has been a volunteer there since 2001, obviously enjoys the work and is dedicated to it.

Euchre results from last week: high scores was Myra and Bill Marshall, low scores were Barbara Brownsberger and Gerald Hadley, most lone hands went to Alice Jones and Ed Muenzel, special prizes went to Ginnie Muenzel and Gerald Hadley.

Maple Lake United Church was packed on Saturday,

Notice



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Doug Ray
Director of Public Works

Feb. 20 with enthusiastic and appreciative audience. The program with the Valentine theme of love included instrumental selections, vocals and two hymns. Ed Muenzel MCed the event. Pictures snapped throughout the presentations may appear next year when advertisements advise us again of that fine show of talent,

that brings donations for the necessary improvements on the church.

Refreshments after the program were scrumptious, especially fudge, especially the chocolate cake, especially the butter cookies, especially, well you get the idea. Fun to sit and chat about it all.

Coming

Events

Wednesday March 3rd, 2010



Centre for Community Based Research

Presents:

Dr. Mark Skinner & Ann MacLeod

Social Determinants of Health

Dominion Hotel, 113 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden

2:30 to 4:45 Afternoon Workshop

Social Determinants of Health in Haliburton - Future Research Directions

5 pm Dinner

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Saturday, Feb. 27 and Sunday, Feb. 28 Glebe Park in Haliburton will host an Ontario Cup Nordic ski race. See www.skihaliburton.com for more information.

Coming Events**TICKETS FOR SALE****Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association****Wild Game Dinner****March 6, 2010**

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Haliburton County Folk Society members \$15 / non-members \$20
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**community calendar**

What's happening in the County

Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or to the  Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

• February 23: Volunteer Tax Preparers Onsite at the Royal Canadian Legion Haliburton Branch 129 from 9:30 -11:00 – After February 23rd, Tia will be at the Legion on Tuesdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. You can call Tia at 705-447-2462. Please note the last day to bring in your return is April 18th.

• February 24: Volunteer Tax Preparers Onsite at the Royal Canadian Legion Wilberforce Branch from 1:00 to 3:00 pm – Marlene will be at the Legion every Wednesday until April 19th. You can call Marlene at 705-448-2266.

• February 27: Rotary Club of Haliburton presents their 24th Annual Auction – Join us at the Curling Club, catered by Rhubarb Restaurant. Cocktails/viewing at 6 pm, dinner at 7 pm. Silent Auction and Raffles throughout the evening. Live auction with host Mike Jaycock, following dinner. Dinner and auction is only \$35 per person. Tickets available at Henwood's Variety in Haliburton or at the door. If you require any additional information or would like to donate an item, contact Lance Edwards 457-9500.

• February 27: Curves is hosting a Circuit Training Fit for Heart Event – Wanda and participants will keep the circuit filled for the day. Each participant collects pledges in this heart healthy event and uses the circuit for 30 minutes. This fun filled activity supports the critical research in preventing heart disease and stroke. Please call Curves at 457-9257 for more information.

• February 27: Haliburton Writers present Free Panel Discussion – Have you written a book, but aren't sure how to get it published? The Haliburton Writers' and Editors' Network will provide answers and options to those publishing questions, when a panel comprised of local published authors will discuss the benefits and pitfalls of the various modes of publishing. Presented by HHWEN and R.D. Lawrence Place, from 1:30 – 3:30 pm in the Old Library Room at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, 174 Bobcaygeon Road. Come one, come all to this FREE presentation. For additional information, contact Pat Brown at 705-286-6448 or rldlawrenceplace@mindenhillsc.ca

• February 27: Celebrate the Olympics at Kinmount Winterfest – Pancake breakfast of Champions 8:30 am – 10:30 am at Kinmount Community Centre. Fun activities, skating, tobogganing, games

& contests at Kinmount Fairgrounds starting at 10 am. Highlights include Sleigh Rides and an Olympic Parade with Olympic Torchbearer Cathy King at 11:30 am. Get your photo taken holding a real Olympic Torch! Join the parade by entering the Flag Contest. Make a cardboard toboggan for the Downhill Dash Contest. Enter the Olympic Mascot Colouring Contest or Olympic Chili Contest. Visit kinmount.ca for details or call 705-488-2919.

• February 28: What do Kenya, Democratic Republic of Congo, Haiti and Costa Rica have in common? They have all been visited recently by local people! Come see and hear first hand accounts from people who have experienced God's work in these countries. Refreshments will be served, everybody is welcome! Lakeside Baptist Church, 6:30 pm.

• March 1: Climbing Club – Come and try our Drop-In Indoor Rock Climbing Monday evenings at Camp Medeba in West Guilford. Families 6:30 – 8:00 pm, children and parents climb together. Youth and Adults 8:00 – 9:00 pm. \$2 per person. Everyone welcome. Children 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Parental permission required for youth under 18. Sponsored by Point In Time. For more information call Donna at Point in Time 457-5345 ext 314 or email donna@pointintime.ca

• March 2: The Minden & District Horticultural Society – Our meeting will take place at the Community Centre at 1 pm. Speaker is Linda Friend from Rural Roots. Memberships \$9 each or couples \$16. For more information call Linda 286-2261. All Welcome.

• March 2: GriefShare Support Group – Join us for from 7:30 – 9:00 pm at Lakeside Baptist Church, Park St, Haliburton. No cost to attend.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.ca or brought in to the office.

Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.

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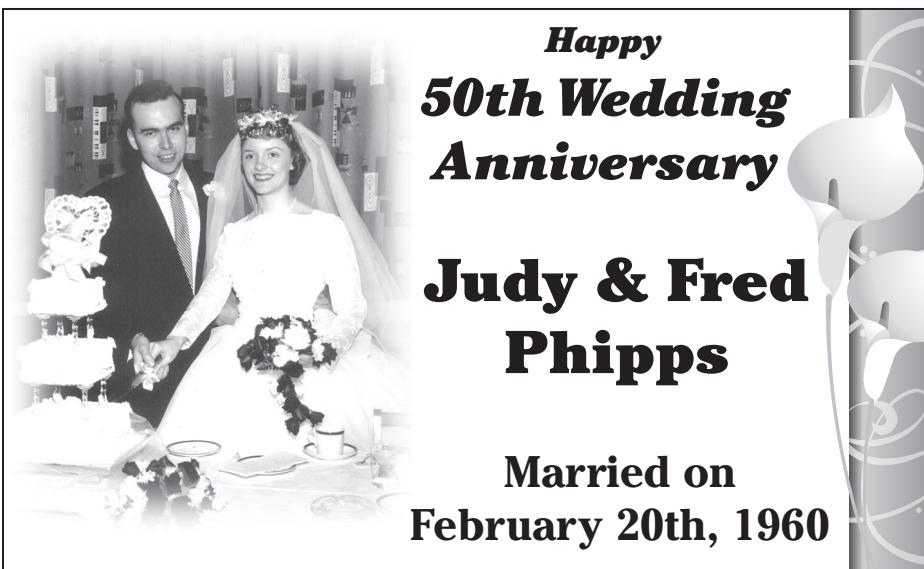
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Announcements

New Arrival!

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newborn son...Easton James Burk (8lbs. 4 oz.)
who arrived on Family Day.*"Monday's child is fair of face.
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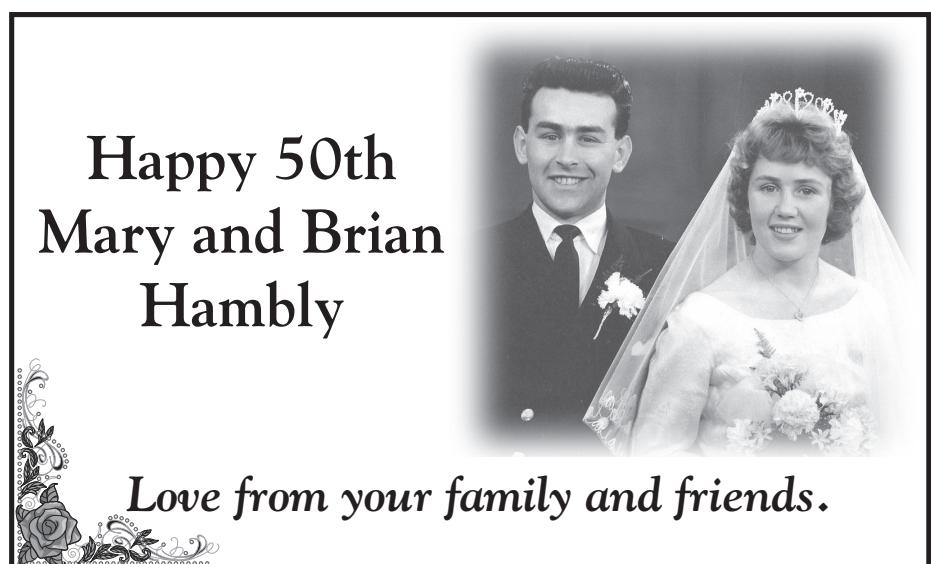
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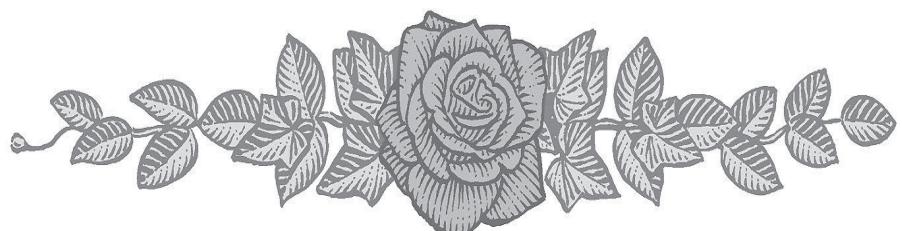
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Announcements



Eileen Caines (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Thursday evening, February 18, 2010 in her 88th year. Beloved wife of the late Wilfred Caines (1998). Loving mother of Melissa Caines of Haliburton. Dear sister of John (Jack) Roberts, Roy Roberts, Doris Taran, Mabel Everall and Carol Stephen. Predeceased by sisters Faye McDonagh, Myra Scholtes. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Wednesday morning, February 24, 2010 from 10 o'clock until time of Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. Interment later Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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Ronald Luigi Robertson Petrini (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

After bravely battling Cancer for over 2 years, Ronald Petrini died at the Haliburton Hospital on Sunday morning, February 14th, 2010 in his 77th year. Devoted husband to Arlene for 54 years. Loving father to Nathan (Sharon) and David (Pauline). Special Grampa to Samantha and Anthony. Son of Domenico & Violet Petrini (nee Robertson), deceased. Adored by 14 nephews and nieces. Loved by many cousins. Ronnie was known in the community for his tireless work in the construction/cottage industry and this serves as a testament to his industrious nature. Ronald was a principled man of faith, and will be remembered as a very positive, kind, generous, supportive man; always willing to extend a helping hand. Thank you for the gentle care given by Dr. Ferracuti and the nursing staff at Acute Care in Haliburton Hospital. Special thanks to those who came to be by his side to show their love.

Visitation & Memorial Service

We welcome all to attend his Memorial Service on Saturday, February 20th at 1:00 pm located at the **KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES**, 1017 Wigamog Rd, off County Rd 21, Haliburton. Memorial donations can be made to Watch Tower or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.

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RUSSELL Marva Elizabeth (nee Copp)

Passed away on February 12, 2010 at the Haliburton Highlands Hospital. Marva was born in North View, New Brunswick on April 4, 1938 to the late Randolph and Clara (nee Gough) Copp. She is predeceased by the love of her life Alex Wilson and leaves behind a son Carl and his wife Shelley Russell, and one granddaughter, Kyla, of Barrie, Ontario. Marva is survived by her sister Carol Henderson (Ron) of Mississauga, ON; sister-in-law Nathalie Copp of Tottenham, ON, Nan Copp of Plaster Rock, NB; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins; and is predeceased by her siblings Everald, Victor, Stanley, Jean, Marion, Kathleen and Edith.

Friends will be received at the **STEC LEY-GOODERHAM FUNERAL HOME** (30 Worsley St., Barrie ON) on Tuesday, February 16th, 2010 from 2 p.m. until the time of the service in the chapel at 3 p.m. If desired, donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services, Acute Care. Online condolences may be forwarded to www.steckleygooderham.com

POIRIER, Sharon Marie (nee Parish)

Peacefully, in Ottawa, Tuesday, February 16, 2010. Sharon Marie Poirier age 70. Beloved wife of Daryl. Loving mother of Suzanne (Bradley Dillabaugh). Proud grandmother of Chloe and Jack. Daughter of the late Stan and Norma Parish. Dear sister of Bill (Barbara) and John (Marjorie). Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Thanks to the vascular surgeons and nursing and support staff at the Civic Campus of the Ottawa Hospital. Friends are invited to the West Chapel of Hulse, Playfair & McGarry, 150 Woodroffe Avenue (Ottawa) for a Memorial Service in the Chapel on Saturday, February 20, 2010 at 11 a.m. In Memoriam donations to the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation appreciated.

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Announcements

Deaths

PATTERSON, Shirley Rose - Peacefully at home on February 14, 2010 at the age of 54. Loving mother of Valerie, Crystal (Adam), Laura (Nick), and Jeff (Leah). Special grandmother to Hayley, Ainsley, Cohen and soon to be baby Bright. Sadly missed by Neil. Lovingly remembered by her brothers and sisters and her father Howard (Bonnie). Joined in Heaven with her mother Joyce. Friends will be received at the **O'NEILL FUNERAL HOME** 6324 Main Street, Stouffville (905) 642-2855 on Wednesday February 17th from 2-4 and 7-9. Funeral service on Thursday February 18 at 11am in the funeral home chapel. In memory of Shirley donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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SPRING, Olive (Jean) - In Loving Memory of Olive "Jean" Spring. Passed away peacefully at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Wednesday, February 17, 2010. In her 85th year. Beloved wife of the late George Malcolm Spring (2006). Dear mother of David of Toronto and predeceased by her son Bert (1998). Loving grandmother of Lauren, Shaun, Paul Joseph "PJ", Jeremy, and great grandmother of Travis, Andrew and Preston. Dear sister of Mildred, Isabel, and Tom (Karen). Fondly remembered by her nieces, nephews, family and friends. Cremation has taken place. A memorial gathering will be held in the summer. Memorial Donations to the Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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With Sincere Thanks...

The Family of the late Florence Wilson wish to thank Dr. Robert Heyes, Nurses and Staff at the Haliburton Hospital, Haliburton EMS, Wilberforce Fire Department - First Response and our neighbour Marion and the many I haven't mentioned for your assistance, caring and donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation was greatly appreciated during this most difficult time.

Don Wilson



Card of thanks

The family of the late **Betsie Kanters** wish to thank Dr. Heyes, Extendicare, SIRCH, Dwaine at Haliburton Community Funeral Home, and Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church for all the love and support through our difficult time.

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McPhail – Jessie "Pearl"

Remembering our dear Grandma who left us on February 28, 1990.

*God looked around his garden and found an empty place
He then looked down upon this earth and saw your tired face
He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest
God's garden must be beautiful He always takes the best
He knew that you were suffering He knew you were in pain
He knew that you would never get well on earth again
He saw that the road was getting rough and the hills are hard to climb
So he closed your weary eyelids and whispered, "Peace be thine"
It broke our hearts to lose you But you didn't go alone
For part of us went with you The day God called you home*

Lovingly remembered by

Timothy & Dawn, Noah, Josh, Drew & Jesse McNeil and Kimberly & Michael, Chloe & Reed Ormiston



McPhail-Jessie "Pearl"

Twenty years have passed since God called you home on February 28, 1990. We didn't get to say goodbye—but Heaven is sweeter with you there.

*If life could only bring again, the days I took for granted when To hear your voice was just a call away
Oh what I'd give for just some time, to say the things that slipped my mind
There's so much now I'd really like to say
But I can never go back when we did the things we did back then
I'll store those precious memories in my mind
I'll take what you've instilled in me; I'll try to be all I can be
And walk the path that you have left behind
I sure miss you; life will never be the same with you not here
Each passing day has brought much pain*

But with God's grace my strength remains
I sure miss you, but heaven's sweeter with you there
The little things that seemed so small are now gold in a memory vault

*I cherish every one I have of you
Now I can see and recognize the part you played to shape my life
I often see you in the things I do
In God's design and master plan He saw the hurting hearts of man
As we would say goodbye to those so dear
So with our family and friends we'll be together once again
We'll view all heaven's splendor hand in hand
Love to you Mom,
Carol*



McPhail – Pearl

In loving memory of one so dear who left us on February 28, 1990.

If roses grow in Heaven, Lord please pick a bunch for me Place them in Pearl's arms And tell her they're from me Tell her I love her and miss her And when she turns to smile Place a kiss upon her cheek And hold her for awhile

Because remembering her is easy, I do it every day But there's an ache within my heart

Love always Weldon



In loving memory of a wonderful Mom and Nana

IRIS ABBS

who passed away 5 years ago
February 23, 2005.

We cannot believe it has been 5 years...

We love you and miss you more than anyone could ever know

*All of our love mom,
Brad, Rob, Vicky,*

*Terri, Dean,
Jamie, Cory,
Brodie,
Justin, Alyssa
& Kelsey*



Announcements

In memoriam

Hunter, Dennis - In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather who passed away February 21st, 2002. *Life goes on and 8 years have gone by but love and memories never die. You are forever in our hearts and thoughts.* Sadly missed by Steven, Michelle, Matthew and Lucas, Gregg and Rebecca.

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In memory of our wonderful father
We miss you each and every day
The Pockett Family

11828125

Keith Tallman - In Memory of a wonderful husband, Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather, who passed away 1 year ago.

So many things have happened
Since you were called away
So many things to share with you
Had you been left to say.
Everyday in some small way:
Though absent, you are ever near
Still missed, Loved and always dear.
Sylvia & Family

11822743

LITTLE, DONALD - In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather and great grandfather who was taken from us far too soon on February 25, 1988.

You touched so many people
In a special kind of way.
Family, friends and others
Each and every day.
Sadly missed along life's way,
But in our hearts, you will always be there.
Lovingly remembered by The Family

11817848

THOMSON, Douglas - In memory of a very beloved Husband, Father, Poppa & Great-Grampa who left us February 23, 2007.

We thought of you with love today,
But that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday
and days before that too.
We think of you in silence
and we often speak your name.
All we have are memories
and your picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake
with which we'll never part.
God has you in his keeping,
We have you in our hearts.

-Arlene, Dale, Karen, Shelley and their families

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